

## AN INTERESTING STORY

### What I Saw On My Trip to Texas and Old Mexico.

I left Monett January 5, accompanied by John Salzer, L. B. Durnil and others from Monett and vicinity on a short tour to Old Mexico. At San Antonio, Tex., we separated. I took a wild-goose chase to Aransas Pass and Salzer and Durnil went on to Tampico via San Louis Potosi. At Aransas Pass I found the proposed town located seven miles from the Pass. The great harbor they propose to have will be four miles away on an island that is nearly overflowed every thirty days. Nothing being done on the harbor. Twenty-seven carloads of rock are taken out each day and dumped into the water to make the south jetty of the Pass. It will cost several hundred thousand dollars to complete the jetty and dredge the channel. Congress will be asked to appropriate for that purpose soon. Land around the proposed town is offered at \$50 to \$150 per acre. They have to irrigate to make a success of truck growing and put up wind breaks to protect the growing plants. I stayed there three days, turned the proposition down and went to Corpus Christi.

At that place I experienced a real Texas norther. Monday, January 11 at 9 a. m. it was clear and warm. By noon we needed overcoats. Next morning the ice was half inch thick and the mercury down to 22 degrees. I remained there three days and investigated. Rents there are three times what they are in Monett. Land \$50 to \$300 per acre or truck farms. Every third man I met was a real estate shark. The freeze did great damage to the crops and fruit trees.

Wednesday night I went to Beeville. This is a nice place surrounded by a fine country. The freeze had done great damage here also. The rainfall is no more than at Corpus Christi.

Friday night I went to Alice and next day to Laredo, Tex., and then to Tampico Sunday night. Here I saw in one day all the stages civilization from the present back two thousand years. The streets are paved with flat stone, broken and placed any way to fit. The wagons are two wheeled carts which are pulled over the rough streets by small mules driven by Mexicans.

Here I saw a jack rabbit street car system. The track was about three feet wide and the cars about as large as a delivery bread wagon, and would probably hold about twenty or thirty people. They were drawn by two small mules hitched one in front of the other, and were also driven by a Mexican. Such extreme poverty I had never seen before, nor had I ever seen a people so contented with it. Rents here are high. Land is high and real estate men everywhere. Oranges are grown here in such abundance that they are not worth shipping, and are allowed to ripen and fall off the trees and rot where they fall. They retail at one cent apiece. There can be no profit in raising them.

Monday night I arrived in Valles. I spent two days there looking at the country. I found a great wilderness; brush so thick I could not see fifty feet into it. I had often wondered why the children of Israel wandered for forty years in the wilderness, but now it was clear to me. Had they been in Mexico I think they would still be wandering.

At Valles I saw a butcher shop, or meat market. They cut the beef off the bones and into strips about two or three inches wide, slicing back and forth about half inch thick and hang it across poles. They sell by measure as we sell calico by the yard. The purchaser takes a dish to get it in, otherwise

they tie a string around and you can carry it home by the string. It is never wrapped with paper and no precaution made to keep the flies and gnats off.

I had often heard how bad the ticks were in that country and had smiled at the idea of that being a serious objection, but I found in the two days that I wandered out on horseback that it was not a joke, for they were there and ten times worse than I ever seen them before.

I returned to Lampico perfectly satisfied that I had found the finest climate and the most primitive civilization I shall ever see. I left next day for Monterey and arrived at Laredo, Tex., Friday at 6 a. m. and was soon on the way to San Antonio, glad to be back again under the stars and stripes. I want nothing more of Mexico. I do not like a country where the criminals serving out a sentence in the army, or the police a prisoner on duty for committing some crime. And these are only a few of the objectionable things I learned there. The government is called a republic but it is a monarchy and a very bad one at that. Keep away from Mexico. DR. L. WEST.

### Died

Miss Margaret Casey died Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at her home between Monett and Peirce City. She was 18 year of age. Miss Casey had been ill with pneumonia and was thought to be recovering. Her death came as a great shock to her family and friends. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Casey.

You can never forgive a man for proving you wrong in an argument.

### Mail Order Houses Back of Bill.

Country merchants and country newspapers should watch a bill that has just been introduced in Congress by which third and fourth class matter is to be put through rural mails at two cents a pound. This is the old Parcel Post Bill revised, as third and fourth class matter takes in merchandise. Merchandise is now taken at 16 cents a pound, or one cent an ounce, and books and circulars at eight cents per pound. Both of these would be reduced to two cents, and the Post-office Department now is behind every year millions, and with the Parcel Post added and merchandise books reduced, the deficit would be enormous. The whole scheme is fostered and pushed by big department stores and mail order houses, and it would be well for the country press and country merchants to watch it. If they get the Government to transport their goods for almost nothing, as compared to express rates, the country merchant will find it hard to compete with them, but why the Government should be willing to contribute millions annually to mail order houses who are already flooded with wealth is hard to understand.—Carthage Democrat.

There is no Quinine, nothing whatever harsh or sickening in Preventics. These Little Candy Cold Cure Tablets act as by magic. A few hours—and your threatening cold is broken. Candylike in taste, Preventics please the children—and they break the feverishness, always. And least of all is the economy. A large box—48 Preventics—25 cents. Ask your druggist. He knows! Sold by all dealers.

### Conductor Injured.

Conductor Geo. Nord in was the victim of a painful accident Tuesday. He was assisting in making a coupling at Rogers, Ark., when his hand was caught between the cars. One finger was cut off and the other badly mashed. He returned home Tuesday night and will be laid up for some time.

### Doss—Russell.

Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock Miss Lillian May Russell was united in marriage to Mr. Clyde E. Doss, of Joplin. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Russell on Marshal Hill. Rev. S. F. Stevens officiating. The young people will make their home in Joplin.

### Annual Feast of M. W. A. Held On Tuesday Evening

The M. W. A. and Royal Neighbors sure had a grand bumper time at the M. W. of A. camp hall last night. Fully 300 people were present besides those from Aurora, Peirce City, Mendon and Purdy. The two Aurora teams and the Peirce City Royals were on hands and gave an entertainment of farcey drills besides assisting the home team in putting on the work for over 30 candidates. The Royal and the wives of the Modern Woodmen furnished the feast, and all of the good things to eat it would be hard to enumerate. The M. W. of A. now have one of the best equipped halls in the city. The room leased will be used for banquet dances and other entertainments. A large and elegant kitchen has been added to aid in giving banquets and the floor has been put in fine shape for dancing. Last night was known as the M. W. of A. annual feast, and it surely eclipsed all previous banquets. This work will continue until the Monett Camp will be one of the largest in Southwest Missouri.

### Read This.

Aurora, Mo., Sept. 9, 1908.—This is to certify after years of suffering from kidney, bladder and rheumatism troubles, 1 bottle of Hall's Texas Wonder cured me and I give it to the benefit of others who may need a cure. W. C. ELSEY. A. I. Druggists.

### Rural Mail Boxes

For sale at Post Office book store from 85 cents to 2.00. m 1 w

### Kitchen Shower.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stuckey gave them a kitchen shower on Monday evening.

The party met with Miss Myrtle Leitwein and went from there to the home of C. M. Todd where Mr. and Mrs. Stuckey are living. A very pleasant evening was spent. About ten o'clock the band gave them a serenade.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mesdames C. M. Todd, James Gulick, J. L. Peters, Alvin Bradford, Dio Dailey, Mrs. Andy Hawkins, Mrs. M. C. Stuckey, of Columbus, Kan., Misses Minnette Volz, Mayme Callan, Carrie Ball, Myrtle Leitwein, Messrs. Ernest and Percy Johnson, Wm. Huggins, John Boehm, Virgil Bandy and Howard Gulick.

### A Horrible Hold Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the sure cure for weak or sore lungs, hemorrhages, asthma and all bronchial affections. 50c and 1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by A. H. Cox & Co.

### Letting the Cat Out.

"Say, grandpa, make a noise like a frog," coaxed little Tommy. "What for, my son?" "Why, papa says when you croak we'll get five thousand dollars!" ["From Success Magazine"]

### D. L. Lautaret

West Broadway  
on the Corner

FEED.  
FLOUR,  
WOOD  
HAY

Phone 415

We Solicit Your Patronage  
and Promise Satisfaction

### FAIRVIEW.

Mr. G. W. Means and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Asa Means Sunday.

Mrs. D. R. Hope and son Jaxie and grandson Walter Hunter visited Mrs. Robt Mean Saturday.

M. Hunnell visited his son D. M. Hunnell and family Saturday.

Quite a number in the neighborhood have been sick with colds but all are improving at present.

Mrs. Ellen Logan visited her mother Saturday.

Mrs. Wofford and daughter Miss Gatha and Mable Seaton spent the day Friday with Mrs. Robt. Means

Miss Laura Boucher is visiting Miss Gatha Wofford.

Mrs. Frank Hunnell visited with Mrs. Emma Hunnell Thursday.

Mr. Curtis Means of near Talpa visited W. G. Means Sunday night.

There have been several hundred head of cattle driven through here the past 3 weeks. Going north to Stotts City to the Hill Bro's ranch.

The past two weeks here hard on school children. The snow making the roads in very bad condition.

Uncle Robt. Means who has been sick is improving nicely at present.

Messrs George Mayhew and John Boucher called on uncle Robert and Aunt Polly Means Friday.

### PANSY.

### Cowan-Raitt

Miss Laura Raitt was married to Will Cowan Monday evening, January 25. The marriage took place at Springfield, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. Stringfield, of the first Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan went immediately to Muskogee, Okla., where Mr. Cowan holds a responsible position with the Frisco.

Mrs. Cowan is the daughter of Mrs. Raitt of this city. The groom the son of Mrs. H. M. Cowan, is a young man of bright prospects.

### Peirce City Laundry Burned

The Peirce City Steam Laundry owned by Cash Crouse burned this morning. The fire was caused by an explosion which quickly scattered the flames. The girls working in the second story were obliged to jump from the windows. Miss Irene Shea jumped in a way to break her leg and Miss Alice Stuckey dislocated her arm. The interior of the building was badly burned but a part of the machinery will be saved.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank those who helped us during the illness and after the death of our beloved husband, brother and brother-in-law. We especially desire to express our appreciation to the Masonic fraternity, the Eastern Star Chapter, also White Lilac Lodge No. 68, Auxiliary to A. of L. F. & E., the B. of L. F. of E., the B. R. C. of A. and also other friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. EMMA HUGHES  
W. H. HUGHES  
MR. AND MRS. W. C. BRAY

### Marriage Licenses

W. P. Cowan... Muskogee, Okla.  
Laura J. Raitt... Monett  
Virgil Davis... Chelsea  
Chettie Standlee... Viola  
O. E. Higgins... Monett  
M. A. Lautaret... Monett  
H. R. Cowherd... Purdy  
Pearl Gurley... Purdy  
Thos. J. Jordan... McDowell  
Vinnie Hilton... McDowell  
Clyde E. Doss... Joplin  
Lillian May Russell... Monett  
Ross S. Stuckey... Monett  
Bess Lloyd Livingston... Cassville  
Allen King... Cassville  
Clara Anderson... Cassville  
Tillman Ellis... Monett  
Pearl Davidson... Monett

Mrs. P. J. Heyburn and Mrs. Hogan entertained their friends at Whist on Tuesday afternoon. About forty ladies were present. The prize was awarded to Mrs. W. F. Durnil.

### Federal Court Decisions

Joplin Mo. Jan. 27—W. C. Guild, the Marionville photographer, whose interest in color photography led to his engaging extensively in counterfeiting, and his arrest last June, at Neosho, was sentenced to serve a term of five years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on his plea of guilty entered at the convening of the court today.

Robert Harris, of Duenweg, a mining town seven miles from Joplin, was sentenced to two and one years in prison and pay a fine of \$1,000 for robbery of the postoffice at Duenweg.

Thomas M. Allen, former postmaster at Cassville, was convicted on a charge of having opened mail addressed to a woman letter carrier. A fine of \$300 was imposed.

N. G. Haggard, of Joplin, was fined \$24 for sending obscene matter the mails.

Perry Bowman and Caleb Wilson each were fined \$10 for selling liquor in Lawrence county without a license.

The Court concluded its work of the term today and adjourned to the next term to be held in April.

### American Catholic Census

Milwaukee, Jan.—26—There are 14,235,451 Roman Catholics in the United States, according to the advance sheets of the 1909 Wiltz Catholic directory, published here. The statistics are furnished by the archbishops and bishops of the United States after taking a census in all dioceses.

The Roman Catholics in the Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaiian Islands bring the total of the Catholics under the United States flag to 22,474,440, as compared with 12,053,000 subjects under the British flag.

### Cassville News

From The Republican.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallen are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at their home on North Main St. January 9.

Monett is getting in earnest about the location of a creamery in that city. A properly conducted creamery should be a paying industry to any community.

W. A. Wear came in from Jefferson City Thursday for a short visit with his family.

J. H. McGuffin has been on a prospective trip in Texas for the past few days.

### MENDON

Well, Mr. Nobody has not forgotten how to write, but somehow the recent cold snap almost closed his jabbering; but still some of the correspondents went right on and we were very glad they did.

Alva Williams visited with D. S. Shaw the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Frank Hunnell visited with Bud Hunnell, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grissom spent the first three days of last week with her father, Mr. Peter Zinn, on Spring River prairie. He has been real sick but is better at this time.

Alva Williams spent Thursday with Mrs. Grissom and family.

D. S. Shaw's brother is reported some better. We hope he will be out soon for he has been sick since Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Hunnell spent Friday of last week with Mrs. Robert Jenkins.

George Wormington called on Mr. Grissom Thursday afternoon.

The ring of the wood saw can be heard in this vicinity.

Mrs. Grissom and mother were shopping in Monett, Tuesday.

Mr. Bruen sawed wood for Will Scott, Monday.

### MR. NOBODY

It is thought by many that more men would join the church if some initiatory work was put on when a new member was taken in.

When a man has nothing to do he always wants some one to assist him in the task.

### Ebenezer

Having read a notice in the TIMES warning correspondents about writing personal allusions I hereby pledge my word and honor (I'm deaf and dumb and I've got no honor) that I will write the truth, the whole truth and nothing like the truth, and anyone who here-tofore get, or may hereafter get their feelings wounded at my writings have my consent to get out behind some brush pile where nobody will hear them and "kuss" Billie Brine till their feelings get well.

Ye Editor of the TIMES may think that Billie Brine or some one else has got offended at Joe's writings but in that, ye editor has certainly made a mistake. We just consider the source and let it go.

Rev. Levi Allen is no better this writing and his wife is now sick with pneumonia. It sometimes seems discouraging for God's servants to have to suffer in this way, but heaven could not be appreciated in its full value had we no some conception of trials and tribulations here in this world.

The protracted meeting at Liberty was commenced Saturday night. Rev. Will Gray, of Billings and Rev. Qualls the pastor, being in charge. Rev. Gray has delivered three able sermons thus far (Monday). His address last night on "Pure and Undeified Religion." was appreciated by all. The Rev. Gray is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gray of this vicinity and we are glad to know of his success in the ministry and we gladly welcome him back in our midst.

Rev. Goodnight filled his appointment at Ebenezer Sunday to an attentive audience. He preached a God sent sermon which was strengthening to all.

Miss Flora Foster and brother Earl, spent Saturday night with their sister Mrs. Clarence Anderson.

Mrs. W. E. Cox and children visited G. W. Weygandt's Saturday.

Miss Julia Haggard visited Miss Maude Wolf Sunday afternoon.

Miss Della Foster, of Monett, attended church at Liberty Sunday night.

The singing school at Ebenezer closed Thursday night with a good attendance. Mr. Henderson is an excellent singer and first class instructor and all who attended his school were well pleased.

Messrs Louis Spillman and Lawrence Lynn, of Wentworth purchased a fine span of mares from B. C. Wolf one day last week.

Messrs B. C. Wolf and Will Conrey went to Cassville Friday to look at a mule.

The local option election will soon be here. Let the good people of this community get awake and begin to talk prohibition, preach prohibition, pray for prohibition, practice prohibition and on Feb. 13 1909 vote for prohibition.

### BILLY BRINE.

### Missouri Boy Firs

William O. Wallace, of Warrensburg, has taken first place in the examination of 45 members of the midshipmen's class that was graduated January, 1909, at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. After two years of sea duty the class has taken its final examination and the members will now be commissioned as ensigns.

Thirty-five thousand deaths and two millions injured is the accident record in the United States during the last year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued by the Bureau of Labor. Of those employed in factories and working, it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric line-men and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway train men were killed in the proportion of 7.46 deaths per 1,000 employees.